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SIR :

In response to the Office Action mailed 24 September 2003, in the above-referenced patent application, please reconsider the application in view of the remarks set forth below.

I. REMARKS

Respectfully, and generally for the reasons set forth below, the rejection is traversed.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, all claims have been rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 103(a). The Examiner contends that these claims are obvious in view of Wallman U.S. Pat No. 6,601,044.